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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO PERMIT EMERGENCY WORKERS AND EQUIPMENT TO CROSS THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER WITH MEXICO TO ADDRESS EMERGENCIES THAT THREATEN BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER.

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1 To the President and Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, Arizona and Mexico share a border that stretches for more than
4 three hundred fifty miles; and

5 Whereas, the threats from environmental spills, leaks, explosions and
6 similar disasters involving toxic substances in border communities are not
7 constrained by political boundaries and can threaten people and communities
8 on both sides; and

9 Whereas, the threats from fires, floods and similar natural disasters
10 are not constrained by political boundaries and can threaten people and
11 communities on both sides; and

12 Whereas, as a result of a joint legislative protocol session with the
13 members of the Arizona Legislature, on December 1, 2005, the Legislature of
14 Sonora, Mexico adopted a resolution calling on the federal government in
15 Mexico to permit emergency workers and vehicles to cross the international
16 border to fight such environmental and natural disasters as long as they
17 return to their country of origin when the emergency subsides.

18 Whereas, authorizing emergency workers and equipment to cross the
19 international border requires action by the President and Congress of the
20 United States of America.

21 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
22 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

23 1. That the President and Congress of the United States of America
24 recognize the importance of authorizing emergency workers and equipment from
25 the United States of America and Mexico to cross their respective
26 international borders whenever an environmental or natural disaster threatens
27 communities on both sides.

28 2. That the President and Congress of the United States of America
29 take the action necessary to authorize emergency workers and equipment from
30 the United States of America and Mexico to cross their respective
31 international borders whenever an environmental or natural disaster threatens
32 communities on both sides as long as they return to their country of origin
33 when the emergency subsides.

34 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
35 of this Memorial to the President of the United States of America, the
36 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House
37 of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.